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RSO SENDS

1. RSO AND SO/T CONCLUDED TWO DAY VISIT TO AMCONGEN, LOURENCO MARQUES, ON 17 APRIL, DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR REINFORCING POST SECURITY AGAINST TERRORIST, OTHER THREATS. POST CONCURS ALL RECOMMENDATIONS EXCEPT MARINE SECURITY GUARD.

2. AMCONGEN OFFICE SPACE:

A. PROVIDE TWO SECURITY DEADBOLTS FOR SOLID DOOR PROTECTING CLASSIFIED OFFICES;

B. PROCURE SECURITY DISINTEGRATOR.

NOTE: VIEW OF SECURITY GRILLES, LOCKING DEVICES, ETC.

ALREADY INSTALLED, PLUS LANDLORD'S DESIRE FOR CONGEN TO TERMINATE LEASE, ADDITIONAL MEASURES NOT REQUIRED THIS TIME.

3. OFFICIAL RESIDENCE - OWNED BY U.S.:

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REPLACE SEVERAL BADLY-RUSTED, DEFECTIVE STEEL CASEMENT

WINDOWS AND INSTALL ORNAMENTAL SECURITY GRILLES OVER EACH WINDOW. SUPPLEMENT LOCKS ON DOORS WHERE REQUIRED. DOORS LEFT OPEN FOR VENTILATION MUST BE PROVIDED WITH SEPARATE GRILLE DOORS. SIX ADDITIONAL EXTERIOR LIGHTS DESIRED.

4. RESIDENCE ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER - LONG TERM LEASE: GRILLE ALL WINDOWS AND FRENCH DOORS AS DISCUSSED. ADD SECURITY LOCKS WHERE REQUIRED. ADD FOUR EXTERIOR LIGHTS.

5. STAFF HOUSING - OWNED BY U.S.: CONSISTS TWO FLATS IN ONE BUILDING. GRILLE ALL WINDOWS, ADD SECURITY LOCKS WHERE REQUIRED.

6. RESIDENCE FOR ADMIN/CONSULAR OFFICER: ALREADY PROTECTED BY LANDLORD, REQUIRES NO FURTHER WORK.

7. NIGHT WATCHMEN:

A. CONTRACT FOR ONE WATCHMAN PER RESIDENCE. RSO SUGGESTS NON-PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT, RATHER THAN LOCAL SECURITY COMPANY, AS LATTER PAY POVERTY WAGES, HENCE FAIL TO GET RELIABLE PERSONNEL. SAME MONEY USED FOR CONTRACT WILL PERMIT DECENT WAGES, RECRUITMENT OF RELIABLE PERSONS.

B. EQUIP EACH WATCHMAN WITH DETEX CLOCK, PUNCH STATIONS, FLASHLIGHT, WHISTLE AND STICK.

C. PSO MUST CHANGE DISCS DAILY, ENSURE THAT WATCHMEN MAKE ROUNDS REGULARLY.

D. ALL WATCHMEN TO BE CLEARED BY POLICE.

8. WEAPONS, SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - PROVIDED BY A/SY:

A. TWO .357 MAGNUM HANDGUNS AND .38 SPECIAL AMMO.

B. FIVE MARK THREE MACE.

C. THREE MARK FIVE MACE.

D. ONE PROTECTIVE VEST.

E. ONE BOMB BLANKET.

F. ONE OSZILLOVZ OR COMPARABLE EXPLOSIVE DETECTOR.

G. FIVE ANTI-TAMPER AUTOMOBILE ALARMS, TWO OFFICIAL, THREE CONFIDENTIAL

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PERSONAL VEHICLES.

9. MARINE SECURITY GUARDS:

DESPITE RELUCTANCE OF POST, RSO WOULD RECOMMEND NCOIC AND FOUR WATCHSTANDERS FOR LOURENCO MARQUES. RATIONALS IS FACT THAT CITY IS SEAPORT, CONGEN OFFICE SPACE LOCATED HEART OF DOCKS/ READLIGHT SECTION OF TOWN. MOZAMBIQUE UNDER INCREASING

PRESSURE FROM TERRORISTS AND, ACCORDING TO MANY PRESS REPORTS AND ALSO EVALUATION BY SA POLICE, SECURITY SITUATION DETERIORATING. STRIKE AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATION COULD APPEAL TO GROUPS WHO RESENT ANY U.S. DASH PORTUGUESE COOPERATION IN AFRICA AND, CERTAINLY, TO PALESTINIAN GROUPS. MARINES CAN PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THREATS AGAINST PERSONNEL AND OFFICE SPACE IN ADDITION DAILY SECURITY AND POSSIBILITY EVENTUAL E&E SITUATIONS. FURTHER, WHEN RADIO NET INSTALLED, MARINES CAN MAN BASE STATION, PROVIDE ELEMENT OF SECURITY IMPOSSIBLE OTHERWISE.

10. PROTECTIVE RADIO NET: RCO, NAIROBI, HAS INFORMED RSO THAT COMPLETE NET WILL BE PROVIDED TO LOURENCO MARQUES; THEREFORE NO FURTHER COMMENTS REQUIRED, EXCEPT THAT IF MARINES ARE ASSIGNED TO LOURENCO MARQUES, RADIO PROVISIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO CONSIDER MARINE PRESENCE AND RESPONSE.

11. AS DISCUSSED DURING VISIT, POST WILL OBTAIN ESTIMATES AND FORWARD TO SECURE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS. DECLAS 31 DEC 1980.
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